

# NEWS OF THE SPORTING WORLD AT HOME AND ABROAD

## ATHLETIC POLICE AND FIREMEN.

Splendid Modern Gymnasium Will Be Built for Salt Lake Firefighters.

POMPIER WORK IS RESUMED.

Protectors of Life and Property Are Taking Renewed Interest in Physical Training.

THE spirit of athletics has taken Salt Lake's police and firemen in its grasp. Just at the present time it is not at all difficult to pick out the most athletic of each department, but if the "boys" do the work that has been outlined for them, it will only be a mat-

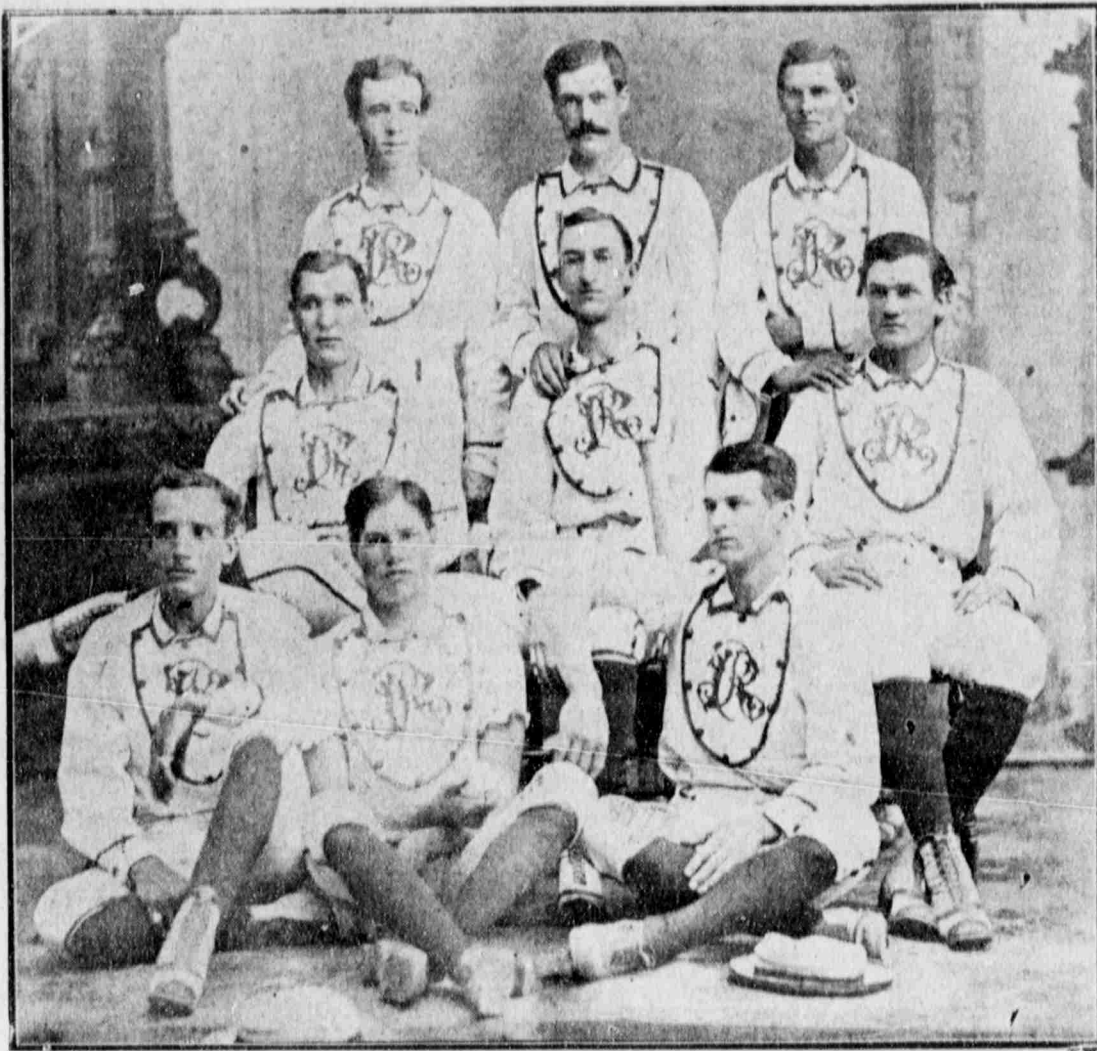
been practically at a standstill ever since. But it is understood that a movement is now on foot to establish a gym, and Williams has volunteered his services in drilling the men. He would have a valuable assistant in Officer C. H. Clive, who is a clever boxer. In speaking of the need of physical training among the policemen, Williams said recently:

### WHAT JIM WILLIAMS SAYS.

"We should have a gymnasium where the boys can take from twenty to thirty minutes exercise each day. It is highly important that they should add to their natural strength, agility, suppleness and powers of endurance. Breathing exercise is one of the greatest things in physical culture. While on my beat, by taking this exercise, I can get myself in splendid condition in thirty days. If we can get a gym started, it would not be long before the boys would be in excellent shape. They would feel a great deal better, and whenever there was an occasion to break up a 'rough-house,' stop a runaway, or bring in a dangerous man, or fighting drunk, they would be in the right condition to do it."

Besides being a good boxer, Williams is a wrestler of no mean ability, and in long distance foot racing, it is doubtful if there is a man on the force who is his equal. It is all because he has trained. Of course, everybody in Salt Lake knows Jim. They remember him as the idol of the roped arena in these parts, and if there are any who imagine for a moment that he is a dead one, they should put on the gloves with him for a round or two.

In the fire department, those who



THE FAMOUS RED STOCKING NINE.  
A Crack Salt Lake Team in Early Baseball History.

Reading from left to right, beginning with the back row, the personnel of the nine is as follows: D. C. Dunbar, short stop; Richard P. Morris, first base; Alexander Watson, right field. Second row, Ollie Bess, left field; Heber J. Grant, second base; Gronway Parry, center field. Third row, Will George, third base; Allie Barker, pitcher; Joseph Barlow, catcher.

## EARLY SALT LAKE BASEBALL TEAMS.

The Deserets and Red Stockings And How They Made Their Names Famous.

PLAYED GAMES THAT THRILLED

Mayor Morris Talks of Then and Now—Pitching Is Better Today, But Not So With Fielding.

The pronounced revival of interest in baseball and the appearance of new teams upon the local diamonds has caused not a few comparisons with the work of the first and most famous of the big teams in Salt Lake—the Deserets and the Red Stockings.

There is probably no man in Salt Lake who can talk more intelligently

upon the subject than Mayor Richard P. Morris, who happened to be a crack player in both organizations, first with the Deserets and then with the Red Stockings, which he later assisted in organizing. In conversation with a representative of the "News" a few days ago Mayor Morris gave a highly edifying talk and recalled a number of incidents that set the fans of those days so wild that one of the outbursts on Walker's field these afternoons is tame in comparison.

Washington Square, where now stands the City and County building, was the scene of contest. And they were contests, too. They were no hidden players among the home teams of those days. What they did, they did for "blood," to use a homey expression. They played as if their very lives depended upon the result. Speaking of the science of the game, Mayor Morris said:

### WHERE DIFFERENCE IS.

"The principal difference between baseball then and now is in the science of pitching. The catching is little or no better and certainly there is not as much fine fielding now as formerly. Perhaps I had better be a little more explicit and say that there are not as many opportunities in the modern game as there were in the pioneer games. I can recall some 'star' field plays of those times that thrill even now. I remember one in particular by Ollie Bess, who played left field, that I think best anything that I have ever seen in the way of a faraway crack field catch. A strong batter was doing the heavy work with his stick in a critical juncture of the game. He lifted the ball as well as many players ever lift it. It went not

only high in the air but far ahead. As it was descending it seemed certain that it would alight on the outside of the high board enclosure and that the batter would make a home run. Bess ran like a streak watching the sphere on its downward course. His practiced eye told him that it was a case of 'over the fence and out,' and that there was just one chance in a thousand to prevent it. Ollie took the chance and he won amid the plaudits of one of the most enthusiastic baseball audiences imaginable. Straining every muscle, every nerve, he ran and ran till he got to the fence when with one final effort he sprang upon like a cat and standing upright and reaching out as far as he could, balancing himself with a mighty struggle for the moment, he gathered in the ball with one hand and saved the game. The man who thinks there was nothing doing ground there at that time doesn't know anything about Deseret and Red Stocking excitement.

### EXCITEMENT RAN HIGH.

"And speaking of excitement," the mayor continued, "it was something fierce in those days. The lines between the two teams were as clearly drawn as was possible. Each team had its admirers, and each was backed and supported to the limit of good nature. The truth is good nature frequently went glimmering and bigger feeling was rampant. Why the crowd got so angry they wouldn't even say together. The most notable games we played were in the eighties. These consisted of a series of ten for the championship of Utah. When the season ended honors were even, each nine having five games to its credit.

"A man named Boxbaum was manager of the Deserets and Ed Snellgrove was manager of the Red Stockings. Personally I played first base with both teams though mostly with the Red Stockings, whose other players were D. C. Dunbar, Alex Watson, Ollie Bess, Heber J. Grant, who was second base, and of whom it was said a ball never went over his head. Gronway Parry, Will George, Allie Barker, a pitcher who used to set the fans wild with delight, and Joe Barlow a catcher who didn't miss many balls.

"The Utah boys played with several visiting teams, among them being San Francisco, Denver and Cheyenne. We beat the latter and were beaten by both of the former. It was at this time that we saw our first curved ball. Prior to that there was no such thing as the curved ball known or allowed. It was a case of under hand pitching—real pitching. To throw was to foul. The Cheyenne's pitcher was named Taylor and his curves mystified the Deserets until they were helpless. And yet marvelous to relate when the series was over Salt Lake was victorious. The result was a mighty row among the Cheyennes who discharged and repudiated their man. Their suspicions, and what they said would not be put in a print, so I don't think I will tell you about them.

"Yes, we played several years for nothing. We had no officers and we bought our own uniforms. But it was worth it and more too, for it was real sport. Joe Barlow, Will George and myself played with the Deserets at the time the scientific Cheyennes came and were conquered. The next season we three organized the Red Stockings, and picked up Allie Barker, who was doing some excellent work as a pitcher in some of the amateur teams of that period, and he became a terror to the other side and an idol with the admirers of the Red Stockings. The old Walker House was the headquarters of the two big teams and the scene of many animated controversies.

### HOW MORRIS SAVED A GAME.

Mayor Morris modestly tells of an exciting incident that he refused to relate the central figure of the occasion. It was at the time the Deserets and the Cheyennes were pitted against each other. It was the first game between the two nines. The game was very close. The visitors had exhausted their ninth innings and had scored until they were in the first place on account of being the central figure of the occasion. It was at the time the Deserets and the Cheyennes were pitted against each other. It was the first game between the two nines. The game was very close. The visitors had exhausted their ninth innings and had scored until they were in the first place on account of being the central figure of the occasion. It was at the time the Deserets and the Cheyennes were pitted against each other. It was the first game between the two nines. The game was very close. The visitors had exhausted their ninth innings and had scored until they were in the first place on account of being the central figure of the occasion.

The first mayor "found" the magic curve's ball, perhaps by chance; but he found it just the same, and struck it far down the field, letting in the two men on bases, and "not as far as a third himself, when with a mighty hurrah the Salt Lake fans surged on to the diamond and carried the hero of the hour up town almost tearing his clothes off en route. Not one step would they allow Dick to walk during the journey.

But headed by a band he was borne all the way to the Walker House, where the sensational play was celebrated with unbounded enthusiasm. That game was never finished, but the veterans still remember it with joy.

### THE OLD METROPOLITAN.

Referring to the birth of the Red Stockings, Maj. Richard W. Young, who was a member of the old Metropolitan, the first uniformed nine after the Deserets, shows that the organization of the carmine hose drew largely from Metropolitans whose membership consisted of the following: Alex Watson and Jed Ashton catchers; Peter Gray, pitcher; Heber J. Grant, first base; Richard Young, second base; Gronway Parry, third base; Dave Dunbar, short stop; Allie Barker, Len Huey and Will George, fielders.

Recounting the event Maj. Young says he remembers distinctly the reorganization of the Metropolitan in 1878, at the time he went to West Point. So enthusiastic was he concerning baseball matters that it was with pronounced regret that he got ready to go away to college and thus be compelled to drop so important a sport as baseball.

### JOHN L'S BENEFIT.

Money Continues to Come In and Ex-Champion Will Get \$3,000.

A Boston dispatch says: John L. Sullivan's proceeds from the benefit are likely to foot up \$3,000 when all the returns are in. The receipts at the theatre were \$2,500, but this amount is being swelled with the arrival of every mail. Scores of the old gladiator's

Mrs. Champion Jeffries has not written any pieces for the papers yet, but we can't think that her journalistic talents will be allowed to go to waste at the time of the Jeffries-Murphy fight. We shall see.

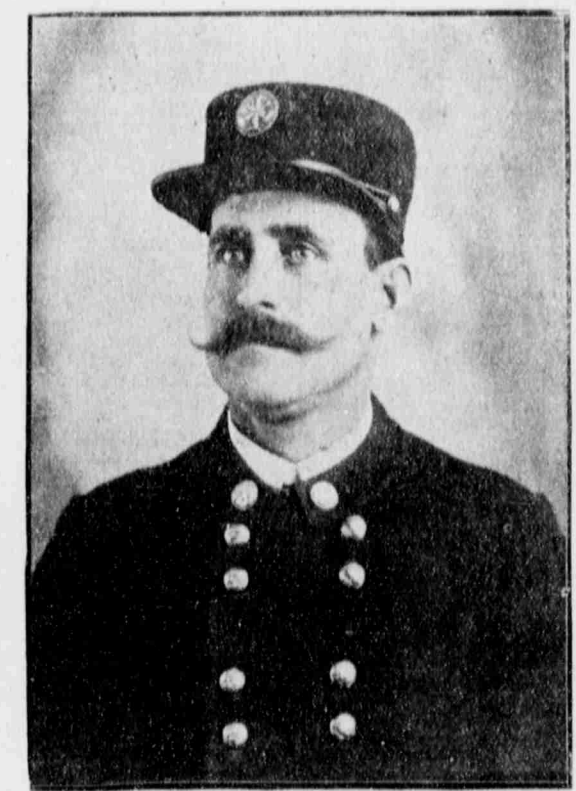
Willie K. Vanderbilt may represent Germany in the international auto race, considering his probable finish, it will be no disgrace to this country.

Little Evelyn News, Herrera has decided to train at the Olympia brewery in South Little rather than at Alhambra Springs. "I would prefer to train right here in Little where I am to fight," is the way the Mexican put it.

Local fight fans will await with interest the dispatch announcing the result of the Nelson-Connors fight at San Francisco. The battling one has made many warm friends in Salt Lake, and if he wins over the hard hitting Connors, his stock will go up about 95 per cent. Word comes from Murphy that Nelson is in good shape.

Entries continued to come in for the Decoration day road race, and indications point to a record breaking list. It would seem that every young cyclist who thinks he has speed, has an idea that he can win the race. But there will be many prizes, good ones, too, and there is a chance for many of the boys to win some valuable ones. The race will be hotly contested, and it is predicted that it will be the "best yet."

What you may want makes very little difference unless you advertise for it.



ASSISTANT CHIEF CHARLES E. WOOD.  
One of the Athletes of the Fire Department.

friends all over the country who could not attend the benefit in person sent checks for seats. And there were other little points. For instance, Frank de St. Louis National league club, inclosed his contribution in cash, sent the old fellow a season pass to the Huntington avenue grounds and made John L. promise to attend the game on Monday and get acquainted with all the champions.

John E. Madden, the noted turfman, sent his check for \$50; Parnon Davies, the former manager of pugilists, inclosed his check for \$100; Miles O'Donnell of New York sent \$150; Joe Flanagan of Boston sent \$150; P. C. Hunt of Buffalo came along with \$50, and so on. It will be some days before the total amount can be figured. The benefit itself was a rousing affair from start to finish.

### CHANGES IN RULES.

Those Made With Reference to Football For Next Season.

The following changes have been generally agreed on by the football rules committee:

A successful drop kick will be valued at but four points instead of five. Four men beside the quarterback will be allowed behind the line at all times, providing that one of them is outside the end.

Six men must be on the line of scrimmage at all times.

The rules governing penalties will be codified together to promote rapid enforcement.

Attempts to draw opponents off-side will be penalized.

Teams making safeties can bring the ball out 25 yards instead of 23.

Punters out after touchdown must kick the ball at least 15 yards, this being the distance to his nearest man.

The quarterback can get away with the ball on any part of the field, providing that he runs out the requisite distance from the center. This virtually makes the whole field a checkerboard.

Umpires will have horns instead of whistles, the better to get news of their decisions to the players.

Generally speaking, the new rules promote the open game, following a step further in the tendency initiated last year.

### A FEW SPORTING NOTES.

Manager Hargren of the saucer track, says there will be many new faces on the saucer this season.

The L. D. S. U. athletes on the track team say there will be a different story to tell, at the state track meet, with reference to their showing against the Provo team.

The man who shook hands with King Edward when the king was the Prince of Wales was given a benefit in Boston. This is a new way we have of referring to John L. Sullivan.

Charley Neary has drawn the color line. He had to do something to keep up the reputation that he might some day be a champion.

The Loop at the Salt Palace is now about finished, and will soon be ready for any daring young cyclist to take a chance at its finish. Several have tried the experiment already, but fortunately, no serious injuries have resulted. The local man who is to perform the act has been practising during the week.

From now until October you will be treated to tabulated lists of the number of winners tipped by different tipsters. What a commotion it would raise if some neutral individual should keep tab on the number of losers picked.



OFFICER JIM WILLIAMS,  
The Champion Athlete of the Police Department.

ter of a few weeks when the two forces will contain the best trained men in the city. It is obvious to any one that it is highly essential that members of the two departments should become proficient in work of this character. It is necessary for their own protection, and for the protection of others. The man who is a physical weakling, whose muscles are undeveloped, who has a poor breathing apparatus, and who has no staying qualities beyond those possessed by the average citizen, is not cut out for the ideal citizen-swinging underclimber. These are facts that the heads of the departments, and the men themselves realize.

### FIREMEN TAKE THE LEAD.

Comparing the physical prowess of the men in the two departments, it must be said that the candy goes to the firemen. They have four times the work to do that the police ordinarily have. A squad of the latter go on duty at 7 o'clock in the morning, and are relieved at 3 p. m. This shift is relieved at 11 p. m. Walking a beat for eight hours, is not altogether conducive to muscular building, and the keeping down of superfluous avoirdupois. It is safe to say that there are many of Salt Lake's "finest" who, if they were compelled to do a "hot foot" for half a mile, would be completely "winded." The mounted officers and bicycle men have an advantage over the club-swingers. Their work gives them a considerable amount of physical exercise. This is not intended as a reflection on the officers comprising the Salt Lake police force. Taking the force in its entirety, it constitutes a fine body of men.

### WORK THEY HAVE TO DO.

The firemen are on duty twenty-two hours and fifty minutes out of twenty-four hours. Every tenth day they may lay off their uniforms and go home to get acquainted with their families. While on duty, they have their apparatus and apparatus to keep clean. Horses must be cared, brushed, and exercised every day. In the afternoon, hose drills are in order, and Chief William H. Bywater announces that the Pompiers crew, with Captain Stub at its head, has resumed drill work. In addition to all this the order given recently by former Chief DeVine, that each man in the department take thirty minutes exercise each day, is still in force, and is a permanent rule of the department. So it can readily be seen that the firemen have four times the physical training the police have. Therefore, they are in better condition, in this respect, than are the boys in blue, presided over by Chief W. J. Lynch.

But it must not be understood that there are no athletes on the police force. There are no physical weaklings there. Chief Lynch, Captain Burbridge, officers Williams, Clive, Davies and, in fact, a big majority in the department, take keen interest in athletic events. Although Chief Lynch has never admitted it, his friends declare that he is "there" with the gloves, and can make the best of them go some.

### "GYM" FOR THE POLICE.

About three years ago, there was a great deal of talk around headquarters of establishing a gymnasium in the cellar under the chief's private office. Jim Williams, ex-champion heavyweight boxer of Utah, has for a long time tried to stir up more interest among the boys in athletic work. As an athlete, Jim stands at the head of the department. He realizes the importance of physical training, and it is his ambition to teach his fellow officers the "muscle art." When Capt. Paul was at the head of the department, he announced his intention of asking the city council for an appropriation to fit up a suitable gymnasium for them. Nothing, however, came of it, however, and the work has

stand out prominently as athletes, are Asst. Chief C. E. Wood, Capt. Charley Williams, Andrew Elkrem, Pete McCarty and Jack Berry. The former is unquestionably the best all-around athlete in the department. He has a record of running 100 yards in 10 seconds flat. If that is not going some, land. He is also noted for his ability as a jumper, whether broad or high jump, and when it comes to high kicking he takes the lead. At wrestling he can hold his own with the best of them, and he is also considered a good ball player. Chief Wood delights in all kinds of athletic sports, and sports that are not exactly athletic. He is a great hunter and is an expert with rod and reel. He weighs 192 pounds, and is exactly six feet tall. He was at one time captain of the pompiers crew, for their physical prowess. Chief Wood has been on the department for more than 10 years, and through faithful, consistent and untiring work, worked himself up from the ranks to the position of second in command.

### WRESTLERS AND BOXERS.

Capt. Charles Williams, of No. 2 Chemical, is a wrestler of no mean ability. He at one time took lessons from Frank S. Lewis, the man who wrestled Charley Ross here several months ago, and who is now located here. Jack Berry is undoubtedly the best man in the department with the gloves. While never a professional boxer, he is more than a match for many professionals. Andrew Elkrem is another man whose physical development is exceptionally good. He is an ex-sailor, and served with Dewey just before the admiral's great battle. His valuable assistance to him in doing pompiers work, such as scaling ladders and using rope.

Before very long, the firemen will have much better facilities than they now have, for athletic work. Plans are now out for an addition to engine house No. 1. Included in the new structure will be an up-to-date, modern gymnasium, 35 feet wide and 45 feet long. It will be about 21 feet high. Speaking of the new gym, Chief Bywater said:

### NEW "GYM" FOR FIREMEN.

"It will be modern and up-to-date in every way. We will have rings, bars, trapeze, a wrestling mat, a punching bag, clubs, dumb bells, weight machines, pulleys, and in fact every appliance used in a first class gymnasium. There is no mistake about the gym this time. It is a sure go, and then the boys will have plenty of apparatus to work with." Mention should also be made of the handball games played by teams from the department. At No. 2 station, the boys have a regulation handball court, and each day when they have finished their work, they may be seen playing the game. Lieut. Wilson, or "Jimmie" as he is called, and Billy Cahoon, once the best handball team in the department. Al Carlson and Pete McCarty are pretty good at the game, and the latter is regarded as one of the most powerful men in the department. But for all-around athletic work in the fire and police departments, Chief C. E. Wood and Jim Williams are at the head.

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